

# Regional Funding Overview

## **Cooperatively Developed Funding**

In FY 2004, the Maricopa Association of Governments plans for a total of \$765.7 million in total regional funding. *See Figure A*. All of these funds are not directly appropriated to MAG. The largest portion of these funds are the one-half cent sales tax funds dedicated to the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) for the construction

of the MAG Freeway Plan. These funds are appropriated by the State Treasurer to the Arizona Department of Transportation. As required by state law, MAG approves the priorities for the MAG Freeway Program and approves material cost changes to the freeway system.

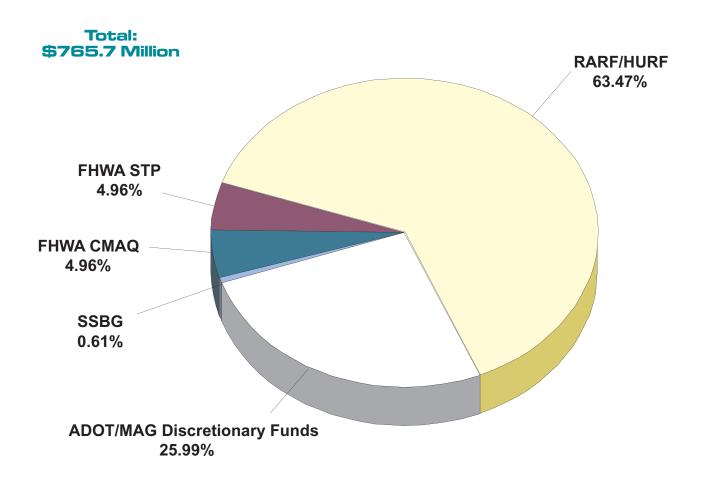


Figure A: Cooperatively Developed Funding



#### Source of Funds

For FY 2004, MAG will include in its planning efforts \$765.7 million regional funds. Only \$9.4 million of the current federal funds are programmed in our total annual budget of approximately \$13.2 million. The \$9.4 million of current year federal planning funds represents approximately 1.24 percent of the total regional funds under the planning direction of MAG.

Of the \$13.2 million total budget, 92.80 percent is provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation including current and carryforward federal funds. Historically, MAG has had significant transportation and air quality responsibilities. Therefore, the funding is not as diversified as other peer metropolitan planning organizations. *See Figure B*.



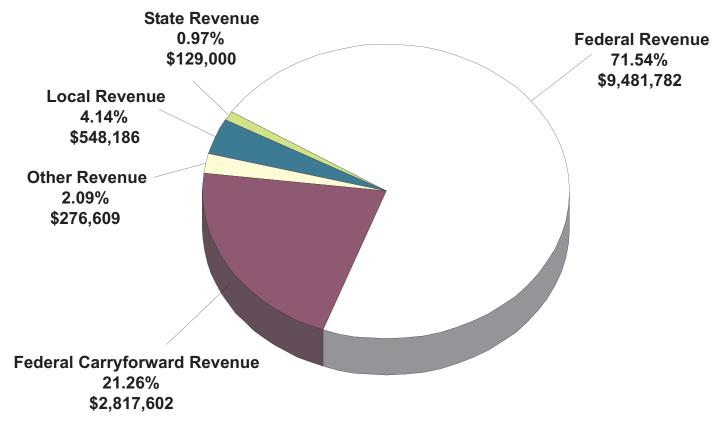


Figure B: Source of Funds



#### How the Funds Are Used

As a Council of Governments (COG), MAG performs a variety of functions for its member agencies. Typically, the majority of the funds have been devoted to the Transportation program. *See Figure C.* In FY 2004, 29.17 percent of the agency's proposed expenditures will be spent on the Transportation program. Another significant amount, 27.64 percent will be primarily directed toward Transportation and Environmental

Program Implementation for which the majority of program uses includes pass-through funding. The Environmental program which is 11.05 percent of the budget will focus on air quality activities. Starting in FY 1999, the agency began a pilot Telecommuting and Teleconferencing project. As in FY 2000 through FY 2003, this project will continue in FY 2004 and contribute to an increase in the Information and

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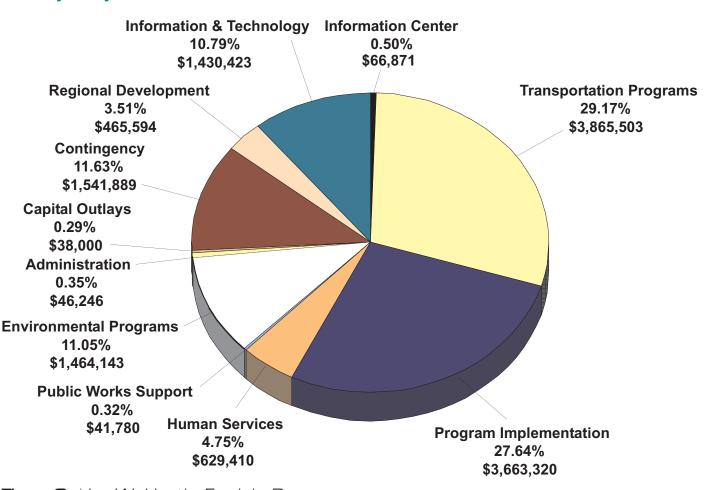


Figure © How We Use the Funds by Program



Technology program costs which represent 10.79 percent of the agency's proposed FY 2004 expenditures. The remaining programs including MAGIC, Human Services, Public Works Support, Administration and Regional Development comprise 9.43 percent of the total budget. Contingency and Capital Outlay together total the remaining 11.92 percent of the of the total FY 2004 budgeted expenditures. *See Figure D*.

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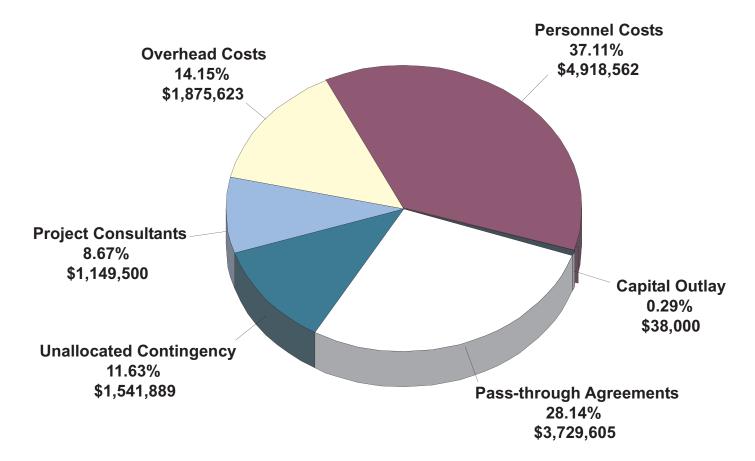


Figure D: How We Use the Funds by Expenditure Category